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Mr. Dennis DeVaney
Chief, Essential Air Service Division, X-53
Room 6401
Office of Aviation Analysis
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Docket Number: OST-2001-10684

Dear Mr. DeVaney:

As Mayor of the City of Mason City, Iowa; I support the Mesaba Aviation, Inc. proposal and encourage you and the U.S. D.O.T. office to recommend awarding the new two-year EAS contract to Mesaba to the Assistant Secretary for Aviation.

Mesaba's proposal will ensure there is a superior quality of air service available from the Mason City Airport which is very important to the residents and businesses of Mason City as well as the surrounding communities.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments and look forward to hearing the final decision on air service for Mason City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Bang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roger Bang
Mayor

Cc: Tom Schmidt, Mesaba Aviation, Inc.